IN HONOR OF M. BARRY SCHNEI-DER, FOR HIS COMMUNITY SERV-ICE AS CHAIRMAN OF MANHAT-TAN COMMUNITY BOARD EIGHT

## HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Tuesday, January \ 30, \ 2001$ 

Ms. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to M. Barry Schneider, who recently completed his two-year term as Chairman of Manhattan Community Board Eight, which serves the Upper East Side, Lenox Hill, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island neighborhoods of Manhattan.

Mr. Schneider has dedicated his effective leadership to serving his community for the last ten years, both as a cofounder of the East Sixties Neighborhood Association, Inc., a community group directed toward improving the quality of life for neighborhood residents, and as a member of Community Board Eight, to which he was appointed by the Manhattan Borough President in 1991.

Within my district in New York City, Community Boards serve a tremendously beneficial advisory role in ensuring that the opinions of members of the community are recognized by the city government when reviewing prospective neighborhood changes dealing with land use and zoning matters. Among other responsibilities, Community Boards also have the important role of making recommendations to the city government in the allocation of the city budget.

In his service to Community Board Eight, Mr. Schneider has consistently and enthusiastically demonstrated his willingness to strive for the improvement of his neighborhood. Prior to becoming Chairman of the Community Board in 1998, Mr. Schneider served as the 2nd Vice Chairman of the Board from 1994–1995, Transportation Committee Chairman from 1994–1997, and as 1st Vice Chairman from 1996–1997.

As the Chairman of Community Board Eight, Mr. Schneider has overseen the realization of many notable community developments. From the dedication of the Central Park Children's Zoo to saving the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, Mr. Schneider's term can be described as nothing short of a true success.

A former officer in the United States Army and the current owner and president of a successful advertising company, M. Barry Schneider represents the ideal model of leadership and truly demonstrates the honorable American tradition of service to one's community.

Although his Community Board Eight colleagues can no longer refer to him as "Mr. Chairman," I have no doubt that Mr. Schneider's service to his community will continue for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. KEATING, A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

## HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Tuesday, January\ 30,\ 2001$ 

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William J. Keating, a dear friend and community leader who will be honored as a Great Living Cincinnatian by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce on February 9, 2001. He was selected for this honor because of his outstanding civic and business accomplishments, his awareness of the needs of others and his contributions that have increased the quality of life in Cincinnati and Southwest Ohio.

Bill is a native Cincinnatian, and he has tirelessly worked to make our area a better place to live. He graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1945 where he was an All-American swimmer. Shortly thereafter, he served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and later was a first lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve, J.A.G. When Bill returned home after World War II, it took him only 4 years to earn his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Cincinnati.

Bill has had a most distinguished and successful career. In 1954, he helped to establish one of Cincinnati's premier law firms, Keating, Muething & Klekamp, P.L.L.; he was elected and served as a judge for the Hamilton County municipal and common pleas courts for nearly a decade; he was elected to Cincinnati City Council for two terms from 1967 to 1970; and he represented the First Congressional District of Ohio from 1970 to 1973.

After two distinguished terms in the U.S. Congress, Bill returned to Cincinnati to run our largest daily newspaper. He was chairman of the Cincinnati Enquirer from 1973 to 1992. During that tenure, he was alternately publisher of the Enquirer, chief executive officer of the Detroit Newspaper Agency, president of the Newspaper Division of Gannett Co., Inc., and Gannett's executive vice president and general counsel. In addition, Bill served as chairman of the Associated Press from 1987 to 1992.

Bill also as given a great deal of his time to serve on the board of directors for several successful local companies and nonprofits, including Fifth Third Bancorp and Fifth Third Bank; The Midland Company; Metropolitan Growth Alliance; and the Cincinnati Arts Association. Other current and past leadership roles include: former chairman of the board of trustees, University of Cincinnati; board of trustees, Xavier University; former cochairman Cincinnati Business Committee; and former chairman of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

Always keeping busy, Bill most recently became chairman of the bid development for Cincinnati 2012, Inc., to help bring the Olympics to Cincinnati in 2012. He is a proud and devoted family man. He and his wife, Nancy, have 5 sons, 2 daughters and 27 grand-children.

All of us in the Cincinnati area thank him for his outstanding service, and we wish him the very best on his current and future endeavors.

PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S COAST-LINE WITH A MORATORIUM ON OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

## HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Tuesday, January\ 30,\ 2001$ 

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to re-introduce legislation to extend the moratorium on oil and gas development in the

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the coast of California. This legislation is similar to H.R. 112 from the 106th Congress.

Californians strongly favor continuing this moratorium. The State of California has enacted a permanent ban on all new offshore oil development in state coastal waters. In addition, former Governor Peter Wilson, Governor Gray Davis, and state and local community leaders up and down California's coast have endorsed the continuation of this moratorium.

I believe that the environmental sensitivities along the entire California coastline make the region an inappropriate place to drill for oil using current technology. A 1989 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study confirmed that new exploration and drilling on existing leases and on undeveloped leases in the same area would be detrimental to the environment. Cultivation of oil and gas off the coast of California could have a negative impact on California's \$27 billion a year tourism and fishing industries.

This legislation focuses on the entire state of California, and would prohibit the sale of new offshore leases in the Southern California, Central California, and Northern California planning areas through the year 2011. New exploration and drilling on existing active leases and on undeveloped leases in the same areas would be prohibited until the environmental concerns raised by the 1989 National Academy of Sciences study are addressed, resolved and approved by an independent scientific peer review. This measure ensures that there will be no drilling or exploration along the California coast unless the most knowledgeable scientists inform us that it is absolutely safe to do so.

I am proud to be working to protect the beaches, tourism, and the will of the people of California. I ask my colleagues to join me in co-sponsoring this important legislation.

EDITORIAL BY FORMER SENATOR CHARLES PERCY

## HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

of the district of columbia IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Ms. NORTON, Mr. Speaker, former Senator Charles Percy, who lives in Georgetown here in the District of Columbia, is well remembered in the country, and especially here in the District and in Illinois, for very distinguished service in the U.S. Senate during three terms. Senator Percy has resided in Washington, DC, since leaving the Senate. He has served this city as a resident in ways that have made an important difference to his Georgetown community and to the city itself. Senator Percy has also supported the city as an advocate of congressional voting rights and local self government. He has given outstanding personal service and countless hours of energy and wisdom to his community and has secured funding for his community from Congress. Some of the details of his service are cited in an the op ed article by Senator Percy that appeared in the Washington Times on Sunday, January 7, 2001.

The occasion for this Washington Times article arose at a time when I was seeking the return of the vote of D.C. residents in the Committee of the Whole. Senator Percy called